

SENATE BILL 862

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ENROLLED BILL

— Budget and Taxation / Appropriations —

Introduced by **Senator Kasemeyer**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Park Service – Operations Revenue – Mandated Appropriation**

3 FOR the purpose of ratifying a certain provision of law that requires the Governor to
4 include in the State budget an appropriation for the Maryland Park Service equal to
5 a certain percentage of revenues attributable to Maryland Park Service operations;
6 requiring the budgeting of certain appropriations to be done after certain
7 administrative costs are allocated; stating the intent of the General Assembly; and
8 generally relating to funding of the Maryland Park Service.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, ~~without~~ with amendments,

10 Article – Natural Resources

11 Section 5–212(g)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Natural Resources**

4 5–212.

5 (g) (1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Fund may be used only
6 for:

7 (i) 1. Purchasing and managing in the name of the State lands
8 suitable for forest culture, reserves, watershed protection, State parks, scenic preserves,
9 historic monuments, parkways, and State recreational reserves; and

10 2. Helping to offset the costs to the Forest and Park Service
11 for developing and implementing a forest health emergency contingency program under §
12 5–307 of this title;

13 (ii) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, payments to counties
14 in the amount of:

15 1. If the State forest or park reserve comprises less than 10%
16 of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 15% of the revenue derived from the
17 State forest or park reserve located in that county; and

18 2. If the State forest or park reserve comprises 10% or more
19 of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 25% of the revenue derived from the
20 State forest or park reserve located in that county; and

21 (iii) Administrative costs calculated in accordance with § 1–103(b)(2)
22 of this article.

23 (2) For fiscal years 2012 and 2013 only, the payments under paragraph
24 (1)(ii) of this subsection shall be based only on the revenue derived from sales of timber.

25 (3) From revenues described in subsection (f) of this section that are
26 attributable to Maryland Park Service operations, **LESS ANY AMOUNT OF THOSE**
27 **REVENUES ALLOCATED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
28 **PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, the Governor shall include in the State
29 budget an appropriation for the Maryland Park Service equal to:

30 (i) At least 60% of the **REMAINING** revenues, for fiscal year 2016;

31 (ii) At least 80% of the **REMAINING** revenues, for fiscal year 2017;

32 and

1 (iii) 100% of the REMAINING revenues, for fiscal year 2018 and each
2 fiscal year thereafter.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General
4 Assembly in enacting this Act to ratify the amendments to § 5-212(g) of the Natural
5 Resources Article, as enacted by Chapter 464 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014,
6 *as amended by this Act.*

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
8 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.